# THE VANDALS WERE BOYS.

ARREST OF THE CENTRAL PARK ROGUES.

THEY NOT ONLY PAINTED STATUES GREEN BUT

THEY RELEASED ANIMALS AT NIGHT. The Park police are to be congratulated on they proved to be-who painted the statues of Beethoven green on Schiller and last Thursday night. The youths are George Knobloch, sixteen years old, of No. 320 West Seventy-sixth-st.; Carl S. Tiedeman, fourteen years old, No. 320 West Seventy-sixth-st.; Whatman, sixteen years old, No. 232 West Seventy-seventh-st., and Alfred Kroeber, sixteen years old, No. 316 West Eighty-ninth-st. As these promising youths were brought one by one the Arsenal, escorted either by Sergeant Dillen, who has done yeoman's service in the wonderment on their faces as to how long they had been discovered. It was the can held the paint which gave the clew. It was traced to a paint store in the Western Boulevard, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth sts., where it was learned that Knoblock had purchased it. Knoblech and Tiedeman were the first two arrested.

Knobloch took all the blame on himself, saying that Tiedeman was only taken into the gang as an afterthought. He said the party entered the Park at Seventy-second-st. and Eighth-ave, about 8:30 p. m. There were two policemen there on grounds they passed two more. On arriving at the lower lawn-tennis grounds they decided to run down the red flag and paint it green. They took it to the "Imperial rock" and gave it an excellent coating. Then they proceeded to decorate the statues, thinking that, owing to the absence of leaves, it was right to paint the Park green. The harp in Beethoven's hands made them Irish for awhile, and on the front of his pedestal they care fully wrote "Clan na Gael" and "Erin go bragh.

That was all the boy had to say on the subject, and for the time being Captain Collins, of the Park police, was satisfied. Assistant Superintendent Burns, of the Menagerie, had a suspicion that this gang of boys was at the bottom of the late frequent opening of cages at night, and the subsequent escape of foxes, owls, etc. The third boy brought in was Alfred Kroeber, a straightforward lad who did not at all relish the outcome of his escapades. He told a plain story about the painting of the statues and then satdown on the sofa in Captain Collins's office, waiting for his parents to come and furnish bail for

While he was sitting there Assistant Superintendent Burns, speaking audibly to Sergeant Dillon, remarked that it was "hard lines that Philip Holmes, who had been a keeper for nearly thirty years in the Menagerie, should have been arrested under the charge of spitefully letting the animals loose."

"He is a man with a wife and large family dependent upon him," he added, "and in my heart I believe the man perfectly guiltless.

Kroeber, who had listened attentively, got up from his seat, and, addressing Sergeant Dillon, said: "Look here; I'm not going to see an innocent man go to jail. The keeper had nothing to with the foxes, coons or owls getting away. I want to say here, no matter what the conseences may be, that the same four that painted the statues green let Joose every animal that has escaped for the past two months. I am real sorry for what I have done. It was done in a boyish freak of fun, but neither I nor any other of the boys thought for one moment that we should get any man into trouble. I am very fond of the Park, and am in here every day, and now I suppose I will never be allowed to enter it again. But look here," he continued, "you must not punish fiedeman. It was we bigger boys who led him into all the mischef. We just thought it great fun, never dreaming for a moment of the trouble that might come out of it."

The boy then quietly sat down, but there was not a man in the room who did not go up and shake his hand, and undoubtedly felt all the better for doing so. The other three boys, two of sorry for what I have done. It was done in a

blacke his hand, and the other three boys, two of whom, Knobloch and Teeleman, had been be-fore Justice Kilbreth early in the morning at the Yorkville Police Court, and released on \$500 Yorkville Police Court, and released on Soon bail, were brought back to the Arsenal, and each of them, like a stordy American youngster, owned that he had let the animals loose—the foxes in the case near the round pond, those in the case on the hill, the raccoons and the owls. The parents of the boys were present and took home these young men, sadder and a little wiser. They will appear at the Yorkville Court this morning and will certainly be punished, for it is time that the general public should be protected from the yeuthful element which is making the Park anything but a paradise.

youthful element which is making the Park anything but a paradise.

Credit is due Sengeant Dillon and Officers Savage and McGinty in "running down" this "brownstone" gang, who by their acts led the smaller fry in their petty acts of mischief and depredation. Among the keepers in the menageric there was great joy. Philip Holmes, who is one of the oldest keepers, was suspected by Superintendent Smith of having had a hand in the escape of the animals. There was an inquiry into his conduct on Saturday, which was to be continued to-day, but the bo'tom has fallen out of the pan, and "Phil" Holmes comes out with colors and "Phil" Holmes comes out with colors

# THE MYSTERY OF A SKELETON.

Kingston, Mass., Dec. 4.-William Maguire, employed in carting gravel from a gravel pit near the rear entrance of Evergreen Cemetery, unearthed the sheleton of a man which was buried about four feet beneath the surface. Mr. Magnire informed Walter H. Faunce, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who, with Dr. Wendall H. Adams, went to the spot, un covered the bones and made a careful examination The bones were those of a person about six feet tall, apparently under fifty years of age. In one side of skull was a hole, possibly made by a pistol ball or a sharp instrument. Nothing found would assist in the identification of the body. This find brings to mind the mysterious disappearance from this town more than half a century ago, of a man named Jones Rumor says that Jones was engaged in a bitter quarre with another man in this town, but his disappearance has never been satisfactorily explained. Some think the bones are those of an Indian. Further investiga-tion will be made by the town authorities.

# LOUIS C. DUPONT'S SUICIDE.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 4.-Deputy Coroner J. J. Fox held an inquest upon the body of Louis C. Dupout yesterday and, from evidence submitted the jury rendered a versict that his death wound was self-in flicted. The letter which Mr. Dupont was suppose to have written just before shooting himself and which could not be found yesterday, had been taken possession of by the deputy coroner, who showed it to the jury to-day. It was an unfinished note written on a sheet of blue letter-paper, and reads as follows: "Dear Rabbie: I hope you will excuse this paper upon which I am compelled to write. I will not have the pleasure of hav—" That was all. His relatives can assign no motive for self-destruction, and the sad affair seems likely to remain a mystery. The body of the suicide will receive private burial from the home of his brother, Alfred I. Dupont.

# A SUCCESSFUL SEASON ON THE ERIE CANAL.

has been remunerative this season. They say that there has been no rate-cutting, and that all canal farmers have received remunerative rates there has been the remunerative rates there has been the received remunerative rates there has been the received remunerative rates the rate of the remunerative rates are remunerative rates the remunerat Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 4 .- The Eric Canal will be the season. Twelve new steamers and eighteen new boats are already in course of construction for

Sidney, Iowa, Dec. 4.-There has been a startling discovery in the Mayhor case. Miss Anna Lamb, of this city, who became Mrs. Mayhor No. 4, and went brought here and was supposed to have been buried a few miles from this city, in the cemetery of the Utterback Church. On Friday persons who be lieved that Mayhor's fifth wife had been poisoned went to the cemetery for the purpose of exhuming the

# THE PANIC ON THE SPREE.

A PASSENGER DESCRIES THE SCENE.

having discovered and caught the boys-for such THE TERRIFYING INRUSH OF WATER-THE VESSEL DRIFTS FOR MANY HOURS IN

HEAVY SEAS-EXTENT OF HER INJURIES. Queenstown, Dec. 4 .- Mr. Woodham, of Southampton, a saloon passenger on the Spree, in describing the thrilling experience on the disabled steamship, said:

from stem to stern. Several of the electric lights went out. I thought it was a collision, and I rushed on deck, half-clad. I found several ladies and gentlemen there. They were in their night robes, rushing distractedly about and asking what had happened. While the captain was endeavoring to calm them, an officer rushed from below and announced that the bottom of the vessel had been stove in and that the vessel was filling with water. The captain immediately had the bulkheads secured. The decks were by this time filled with seared passengers, and when they were told that the afterhold was rapidly filling with water, they became panic-stricken. Women paced the deck sobbing. Two ladles lost their reason and it became necessary to place them under restraint. The captain ordered the lifeboats pro pared and provisioned.

"Just then a number of second-cabin passengers rushed from below with life-belts on, and declared that the water had risen three feet above the cabin deck, and that the staterooms were flooded. The pumps were not sufficient to cope with the inrush of water. The afterhold filled to a level with the third deck, and water penetrated a compartment containing the French and Italian mails, which were badly damaged. The stern of the vessel was greatly sunk. So far as possible, every thing was removed, but a quantity of the luggage was submerged and could not be removed. Sails were set, and the vessel drifted about three miles, until Saturday evening when fifty-three miles, until Saturday evening, when a strong wind took her northward again. Throughout the night there was an enormous swell, and the steamer rolled violently. Several swell, and the steamer rolled violently. Several of the passengers were knocked down and injured. One lady's arm was broken. Rockets were fired after dark every half-hour, in addition to the burning of torches. The night passed dismally. None dared to sleep. The weather became werse on Sunday. There were tremendous seas, and the vessel lurched so that it began to look serious. Mr. Moody's prayer meeting was the most solemn I have ever seen. Women wept bitterly and prayed for succor. From then the storm abated. The night was beautiful and clear. A tar barrel night was beautiful and clear. A tar barrel burned on the promenade deck during the t, and it lit the skies as far as the eye d reach. It was then that we were sighted

ras burned of higher and the skies as far as sight, and it lit the skies as far as sould reach. It was then that we were sighted by the Lake Huron. Her officers thought that the Spree was afte."

Dwight L. Moody, W. B. Moody and twelve other passengers of the disabled Spree, together with the mails, which were badly saturated with sea water, sailed to-day from here on the Etruria. The other passengers, including Saturday's list, will proceed by the North German Lloyd steamship Hayel on Tuesday. The Spree will be placed that the dock and will be examined by

in the Admiratty need and divers to-morrow.

The Spree lies at her moorings in the outer harbor. She draws thirty feet of water aft and eighteen feet forward. The pumps are kept constantly working. The bulk-head of the third constantly working. eighteen feet forward. The bulkbead of the third com-partment is budly strained, but it is well secured. Until the divers report on the condition of the vessel's hull, it cannot be decided what course will be taken. It is believed that an effort will be made to pump the water out of the two flooded comparments. A number of sacks of mail are still aboard the Suree. They could not be recovered in time to meet the Etruria

Paris, Dec. 4 .- The publication of the names of the tional Bank. He says that he remembers cashing the clerks employed by a boursier. Another payer is a clerk in the Reinack Bank. M. Chahert, who is credited with receiving a large amount, is an engineer

by profession, who mixes in politics. M. Drumont writes to "La Libre Parole" that neither he nor the Marguis de Mores received information concerning the Panama Canal Company fro

M. Henri Rochefort has written a letter refuting the evidence given by M. Martin before the committee of inquiry. M. Rochefort says that he never had any relations with the Panama Cunal Company and never entered the company's office.

Albert Grevy, son of the late President, intends to write a letter to the committee of inquiry protesting against the placing of his name on the list of re-ciplents of the Thierry checks.

M. Cornelius Herz, through whom the names of the payers of the checks leaked out, is the Editor of "La Lumiere Electrique" and has a great reputation in the scientific world. He is a grand officer of the

In the scientific world. He is a geometric form of Honor.

In the list of payees of the Thierry checks appears the name of M. Chevellard, a clerk employed by the dynamic company, of which the late Minister Earlie was chairman. He is credited with checks amounting to 450,000 francs. Several newspapers assert that the method we need to be needed.

# THE FRENCH CABINET CRISIS.

M. DEVELLE, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, IN CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT CARNOT.

Paris, Dec. 4.-M. Develle, Minister of Agriculture in the retiring Cabinet, conferred with President Car-not this morning, with a view of trying to form a Cabinet in conjunction with MM. Bourgois and Casimir Perier, with M. Ribot, present Minister of Foreign Affairs, as Premier.

RUSSIAN CHOLERA RIOTERS TO DIE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4 .- The trial by court-martial of the persons concerned in the cholera riots in Sara-toff in July ended yesterday. Twenty-three of the prisoners were sentenced to be langed and fifty-six to be imprisoned in Siberia.

MEDICAL CONVENTION IN MEXICO ENDED. City of Mexico, Dec. 4.-The medical convention has Mass., president; Dr. Liceaga, of Mexico, and Dr. Lachapells, of Montreal, vice-presidents; Dr. Watson,

Vt., treasurer. New members elected were Drs. Bord and Balley, of Louisville; Hoyt, of St. Paul, and Gayol, of Mexico. London, Dec. 4.-The Berlin correspondent of "The

cord, secretary, and Dr. Holton, of Brattleboro.

Daily News" has learned that the Governments of England, Germany and the United States have agreed to common action to restore order in samoa. ADMITTING AMERICAN VINES INTO SPAIN. nitting the free importation of American vines, to repair the losses caused by the phylloxera in the vine

HEAVY STORMS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. London, Dec. 4.-Heavy snowstorms are reported throughout the Kingdom. The mails are delayed and

UNFOUNDED REPORT OF LOSS BY EARTHQUAKE. City of Mexico, Dec. 4.—The report of destructive earthquakes at San Salvador is untrue.

many sheep have died.

SICILIAN SULPHUR MINES BURNING.

Girgenti, Sicily, Dec. 4.-The fire in the sulphi nines of Lucia, near here, which have been smoldering for years, but have been confined to the remoter galleries, broke through the barriers yesterday and alled the mine with smoke. Five of the miners were

The fires have again been isolated by new barries and work has been resumed.

THE BAR AT THE MAGDALENA RIVER'S MOUTH. Panama, Nov. 27.-The steamship Alert was the un between Colombian ports and New-York. As she was of light draught, it was supposed that she would have no difficulty in entering the Bora de Clenega. Her wreck has convinced the Barranquilla navigable for ocean steamships, and cannot be used his point is indicated by the fact that it has granted considerable distance from Barranquilla. the Magdalena traffic.

HARDSHIPS OF HEBREW MERCHANTS IN MOSCOW.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.-The Moscow Chamber of Commerce has resolved to exclude all Hebrews from the list of city merchants unless they become converted to the Orthodox Greek faith. Even then they are to be placed on probation for three years, and to dwell in the village of Tcherkijova, five miles distant from the city. The measure, which has not yet gone into force, is approved by the whole press.

## THE AURANIA IN PORT.

LORD DUNRAVEN'S CHALLENGE TO THE NEW-

which arrived here late last night, is the challenge of the Royal Yacht Squadron for the America's Cup official challenge is received at the house of the Newbe called to act upon it. At this meeting the special committee of the club appointed to arrange a race will committee of the challenge, report, and advise the acceptance of the challenge will be accepted. The time of the race will probably be left open as requested by Lerd Durraven. It will be sailed in August or September next, however.

# THE MURDER OF A BOY AT SEA.

THROWN OVERBOARD AND SHOT BY THE CAP-TAIN-STORY OF THE CRIME.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 4.-Captain "Sam" Smith, on his vessel, by throwing him overboard and then not allow him to. William silberry, the boy who es-

"After I turned in I was awakened from se God's sake don't kill me.' I was scared almost to

# CAUSED BY ROBBING COAL PILLARS.

CAVE IN 500x100 FEET IN EXTENT IN PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

Shenandoah, Penn., Dec. 4.—Residents of Los Creek, two miles west of here, were thrown into state of great excitement at an early hour this moun ng by the sudden caving in of about 300 feet of Lableh Valley Railroad tracks on the north side of the valley. Four tracks were carried down with the tall to a depth of twenty-five feet, and the Los Creek store, the largest mining store in the region wned by J. C. Bright & Co., narrowly escaped destruction. The southern walls fell out and a large part of the building now overlangs the immens

everal roadway trains, and all day long have been trying to fill up their road bed so as to enable them are in fear of a still further settling. The caving in was occasioned by the robbing of pillars, which ha been carried on for some time in some of the breasts of the Lehigh Valley's Packer collectes, by which operations the entire valley is honeycombed.

TO REFUND SOUTH CAROLINES DERT

the State debt is the most important matter that the

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.-The question of refunding

Legislature now in session has to deal with. As yet there has been proposed but one measure, a joint esolution by John C. Haskell, providing that the is not met at maturity shall, at the option of the holders be extended for four years at the present rate of in terest, and that new coupons be pasted on the bond that are presented. This suggestion, however, habeen unfavorably reported. Colonel Haskell today gave his reasons for introducing the resolution. He ays the plan was suggested by a man whose reputation in financial circles is as high as that of any person it would be insolvent, which would be utterly rulnous to embly should pass a resolution declaring its intention provision to pay interest until the obligation can be met, it would have the effect, as nothing else can, of silencing all charges against the State's good faith. He believed that capitalists would then come forward as purchasers, and that the State would probably be able to pay off a large part of her bonds from the sale of new ones.

of new ones.

It is said that the Administration views this plan with suspicion, coming, as it does, from a man who has been one of the strongest anti-Tilmannies in the state. It is known that Governor Tillman has received a proposition to fund the debt at 4.1.2 per cent, and a special message on the subject is daily looked.

# CENSUS OF SHOSHONES AND BANNOCKS.

Bolse, Idaho, Dec. 4 .- The recent census of th hoshone and Bannock Indians on the Fort Hall servation gives their number as follows: Male over eighteen years, 470; males under eighteen, 210; females over sixteen years, 500; females under sixteen, 221; total, 1,401.

# FOR OPENING THE YANKTON RESERVATION.

sionx City, Iowa, Dec. 4 .- The Commissioners who have been for some time at work securing signaires of Indians to a petition for the opening of the Yankton reservation in South Dakota reported less night that they had secured the requisite number of names. By this 600,000 acres of the most fertile-land in the State will be thrown open to the home-steaders.

# choked by the fumes and ten others were injured. | MISS NEWCOMBE'S SAD END.

FOUND SUFFOCATED IN THE BASEMENT OF HER HOME.

SHE WAS IN A SMALL STOREROOM AND GAS

WAS ESCAPING FROM A JET. Miss Mary Edith Newcombs, the only daughter of Isaac Eurnham N wcombe, the banker, of No 54 Wall-et, was asphyxuated by gas some time have committed suicide, as there were several declare that the young woman's sudden end w due to an accident. They refuse to listen to a mention of the theory of self-destruction. say that Miss Newcombe was of a happy disposition, had everything to live for, and that there was nothing in her life that would tend to induce her to commit suicide.

The Newcombe home is at Central Park West and Eighty-fourth-st., and is a large and hand structure. Last Wednesday one of the water-pipe in an unused room in the upper part of the h the leak was discovered. The plumbers were called in to repair the damage, and it became of the house except the basement. The difficulty ing, and the plumbers did not turn the water of ing to the written statement of Mr. Newcombe, he ty-first year, was as lively and bright as was usual with her. She talked with her father and brother for a while and played several pieces of music on the piano. At 10:15 o'clock, as near night and went to her room upstairs. At 11 any member of the family until she was found unconscious and dying.

The next morning at 7 o'clock one of female servants noticed that a smell of gas

off in the upper part of the house, and he says

is near the billiard room, and in order to get to the stor-room she would have to go down a stair-

anly way to reach the upper part of the hous from the bathroom was through a door leading

Mr. Newcombe says he cannot account for his

daughter's reason for going into the storeroom, except that she thought that the door leading in that direction was the proper exit. She had not been down there often enough to be enirely familiar with all the rooms. There is a strong spring on the store-room door, and when Miss Newcombe entered the little room and let spring lock on the door, but it can be opened from both sides. The father, in his statement to the Ceroner, says that, in his opinion, his daughter, after finding that she had gone the wrong way, had attempted to light the gas. Prest she had pulled the chain attached to the burner, ut as the gas was not turned on-the faucet being turned the wrong way-the gas failed to ignite. She then turned the faucet, and as she fid not again pull the chain the gas was permitted to escape. Her father thinks that she then became frightened at the darkness, and ound of the escaping gas and fainted, and the coon being small and the crack above and below the door narrow, she was soon unconscious. He the door narrow, so was a was nearly time for the servants to get up when she went down stairs. He is also of the opinion that she was unable to find the spring lock after the door

sianned.

it was said by some of the servants that Miss Newcombe frequently visited the billiard-room, was perfectly familiar with the surrounding rooms, especially the bathroom, and as her purents say that she was not a girl to be easily overcome by fright, some people were at first disposed to suspect that Miss Newcombe did not go into the storeroom through an error of her own.

Both Mr. and Mra Newcombe are overcome with grief over their daughter's said end, and they declined to see calliers yesterday. Even intimate triends were not admitted to the house. Several messages of condolence were received by Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe, but, it will be to-day probably before many of the friends of the family learn of

messages of condoience were received by Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe, but it will be to-day probably before many of the friends of the family learn of the danguter's death.

Dr. Plimpton when called upon yesterday said that he did not wish to make a statement about the case. He was simply called to the Newcombe house in a profe-solonal capacity, he said, and knew positively nothing about how the young woman got into a room 12ed with escaping gass.

Owing to the incidents leading up to the death of Miss Newcombe and/of the mystery surrounding her sudden end, Dr. Plimpton thought it best to inform the authorities, and Dr. Weston, of No. 226 Central Park! West, who is a deputy-coroner, was informed of the case. Dr. Weston made an investigation, and secured Mr. Newcombe's statement. He does not think that the young woman committed suicide, and he issued a death certificate giving the cause of death as accidental asphixiation.

"I am not of the opinion that Miss Newcombe committed suicide," said ke, "and have accepted her father's statement as correct. After investigating the case I am of the opinion that death was caused by accident."

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# LINEN MILLS TO COMBINE.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4 (special).—The milis of the Minneapolis Linen Mill Company have never met with the same success that was anticipated for them when the concern began operations some three year flax product. For various reasons this was not su find a method of treating the native flax so as to produce a fine article of linen. The company, about a year ago, began to manufacture from the imported raw material, and made a signal success of it, as far as the excellence of the product is concerned. plant was not extensive enough, either to be run economically or to put out a product large enough to pay a fair dividend on the investment. The

management found that there were other linen mills, East and West, that were in the same condition. This suggested a combination, and negotiations are nearly completed looking to the combining of several of these plants with the Migneapoils concern, for the continuation of business at the Minneapolis stand. The other plants are to be removed to Minneapolis. The Exposition Building, where the last Republican National Convention was held, will be turned into a factory. The consolidated concern will employ about 300 operatives. East and West, that were in the same

## BIG FIRE IN CRANFORD, N. J.

MOST OF THE BUILDESS PART OF THE TOWN BURNED.

Most of the business part of Cranford, N. J. was burned last night. Eight buildings, with their contents, were burned to the groun I. The Opera House block was on fire, but was soon under control. The fire started in Freeman's drugstore Those burned out are H. Freeman, druggist; J. H. Hart, druggist; W. J. Redfern, plumber; Robert Bayard, shoe dealer; Lang, shoemaker; Edward Beedle's billiard parlor; G. L. Derby, Postoffice and livery; J. N. Irving, butcher, and Hummer,

and the fire was got under control. The Central Raifroad sent an engine from Elizabeth to pro-tect railroad property. The loss is \$75,000. All eastbound trains were stopped. Telegraph and electric wires are down.

## A ROBBER'S BRUTAL ACT.

HE STRIKES A WOMAN WITH AN AXE AND THEN

TRIES TO CHOKE HER WITH A ROPE. ud outlaw, made an unsuccessful attempt at robbery he called at the house of Peter Putlessny, in Diamond ave. There was no one at home but Mrs. Putlessny. swung before her astonished gaze an axe. He meant business, and before the woman could realize what was happening the axe descended upon her head. She The man had prearranged his plans and immediately

went upstairs. An old trunk had always been use as the treasure vault. When Wittick reached it is Disappointment made him Mrs. Putlessny still lay, the villain felt her pulse t ascertain if life was extinct. There were still sign him where to find it. The movements of the injured in a double coil and with the aid of a stick twisted

n a double coll and with the aid of a stick twisted, so tightly that the blood coxed from the pores and er tongue produced. He then went after the treaser, and after securing everything, left his victiming motionless on the floor. Fortunately, one of the neighbors shortly after found to prostinte form of Mrs. Putlessny, and after contentable difficulty succeeded in reviving her. Her saliant was captured in a barn, and \$30 of the stolen oney was found in his possession. He refused to lk. It is feared the woman may die before making statement.

a statement.

It has been learned that the prisoner is a desperate "crook," who arrived in this country about a year ago. Before leving Bohemia, his native country, he not taken the life of a countryman. The greatest excitement was created in that portion of the city where the deed was committed, and threats of lynching were frequently bande. IS MR. MCLEARY IN FALL RIVER?

# NEWS OF THE MISSING BROOKLYN CLERGYMAN

COMES FROM THAT CITY. It is possible that the Rev. Samuel F. McCleary, th

Church of the Saviour, in Pierrepont-st., Brooklyn, who has been missing since Thursday, will be found

and, as the church has been without a paster for two months, his duties were considerably increased. He was such a hard student that he spent no time in social enjoyment, preferring to stay at home and reat. Mr. Milb-t thinks that Mr. McCleary's mind has become affected on account of overwork.

Loston, Loc. 1 (Special).—The father of the Rev. Samuel F. McCleary, of Brooklyn, who is supposed to have count test suicide on a Fail River bout Friday atight, was seen this evening at his home in Brookline. He said he had no doubt that his son lead jumped overboard and his body was in Long Island Sound. When here from Brooklyn, Thanhisgiving Day, the chergyman was not feeling well and was then advised to come back for a rest.

Boston, Dec. 4 (Special).-A dispatch announce the death of Henry G. Trickey at Hamilton, Ontario, aturday, and states that he was killed by a train He was a fugitive from justice, having been indicted story published in "The Globe" of October 10 under Trickey's name purporting to be an interview with Detective McHenry, and alleging that several persons and seen Miss Borden in situations before and at the day of the murder which indicated plainly, if the may of the hunder which indicated plantly, it the report was true, that she had been concerned in the murder. Next day "The Globe" published a dental, but this did not prevent actions for damages, nor did it save an indictment being found against the reporter. "The Globe" says he has been out of the city sveral weeks, but a reporter on another paper says he was here on Friday.

PAYING THE CREDITORS OF MRS. LATHROP. Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 4.-Clarence B. Coolidge

curtee of the estate of Christine M. Lathrop, has egun paying the creditors. The amount of claims sllowed by the commissioners to the general creditor about \$30,000. As the cash on hand, after paying the preferred claims and expenses of settlement, is only \$500, the general creditors will receive only one cent on a dollar. Christine M. Lathrop is a nice of Senator Leland Stanford, of California, and the fivorced wife of Thomas L. Ganning, who squandered fortunes in reckless expenditures while a resident nere a few years ago, and who was subsequently found

Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 4 (Special).-An attempt at alghway robbery was made last night in Merford's woods, in the western part of the town, near the reight station of the New-York and Long Pranch Railroad. Ira Voorhees and George Foster, nged dont fifteen, who live in Irving-st., were on their way to the station when they were accested by a tall stranger, who were a black hat and light over out and had a handkerchief tied about the lower part of his face. He held a pistol iff his hand and ordered the boys to give up their money. frightened lads said they had no money, but offered him their watches and knives. The man refused to take the articles, and told the boys to move on. They promptly took to their heels, and at the same time the highwayman di-app-ared in the woods.

## A SWINDLER CAUGHT AND LOCKED UP. Westport, Conn., Dec. 4 .- Charles S. Perry, who had

absequently disappeared, after robbing his customers arrested and locked up. It is said that when his present sentence of three months has expired, be will be proceeded against by scores of victims. Perry swindled people in nearly every town between New York and Boston.

Bordentown, N. J., Dec. 4.—The Delaware and Raritan Canal will be closed to navigation Monday morning, December 19.

THE DEMOCRATS ALL AT SEA.

NO POLICY READY FOR THE OPENING OF CONGRESS TO-DAY.

THE "TREASURY WATCH-DOG" HAS ALREAD

BEGUN TO GROWL-A LIVELY FIGHT EX-PECTED-MR. SPRINGER TO PUSH

HIS "POPGUN BILLS"-OTHER

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Dec. 4 .- The Lild Congress will assemble to-morrow under conditions that in several respects will resemble those which existed thirty-two years ago at the beginning of the cond session of the XXXVIth Congress. that time one branch of Congress had a Republican majority and the other a Democratic majority, and the country had voted for a change in the Executive Department of the Government. Before the first session of the XXXVIIth Congress was held the Democratic majority in the Senate

had vanished and the Republican party thus came

into control of both the Legislative and Execu-

tive Departments of the Government. At the opening of the first session of the LIHId Congress the Democratic party will again obtain control of both those departments, and after the lapse of a third of a century will become responsible for legislative and executive policies and acts, but there the parallel ends. The Democratio party will not gain its majority in the Senate because of the secession of Republican States; party was, by a gigantic armed rebellion, nor will it find every branch of the public service para lyzed and honeycombed with treason and demoralized by incapacity and dishonesty, as was the case in 1861. Indeed, the Democratic party has been restored to power at a time when the country is more prosperous than ever before, and the problems which it is called upon to solve are simple and easy compared with those which faced the Republican party thirty-two years ago.

THE LEADERS NOT HAPPY.

And yet the Democratic leaders are not happy. Their councils are distracted by feuds and jealousies, and they are as completely destitute of a coherent policy as though the Democratic party had been born yesterday. There is no unity of opinion or purpose in regard to the tariff, the currency and coinage, or any other of the great reforms" which their leaders have preached for years, and they can not even agree as to when or by whom the "glorious" work to which they have been so long "consecrated" shall be begun, or how far it shall be carried.

APPROPRIATIONS A STUMBLING ELOCK. The session promises to be a profitless one and to end leaving the Democrats as much at sea as it finds them at the beginning. The overwhelming majority in the Kouse of Representatives will be more fractious and unmanageble than ever, and its so-called leaders will certainly not be more ompetent to control it than they were during the last a ssion. Nearly one hundred members of most of them are interested in the passage of measures which were placed on the calendar at the last session. Many of these are bilis for public buildings, and hundre's are for the payment of private claims, mainly from the South. All bills of both classes, as well as other bills carrying or authorizing appropriations of money, were sidetracked until after the Presidential election." There will

be a loud and ugly clamor for action upon

bills, and much time will be consumed, whatever

may be the result. Of course Chairman Holman will fight every private bill-unless the proposed beneficiary can influence votes in the IVth Indiana District-and will do his utmost to cut down the regular annual appropriation bills, but his task will be a more difficult one than it was last session, and probably even less successful. He has already served notice on the chairmen of the Committee on Military affairs and the Committee on Naval Affairs that the bills from those committees have been marked for slaughter, and a stiff contest is likely, with slight probability of a great victory for Holman. His proclamations, however, have already excite a good deal of ugly feeling among members of his own party, and have opened a prospect for a long and stubborn fight over appropriations. Speaker Crisp and other experienced Democratic leaders apparently realize this, and expect that the regular appropriation bills and other measures now on the calendar will consume most of the

"Premier" Springer takes a different view of the prospect. It is a rosy one. He calmly says that the Ways and Means Committee will promptly resume business at the old stand and bring in popgun" bills at intervals, which bills hetexpects the House promptly to pass. Among these are bills to place coal, iron ore and scrap iron, sa't, fence wire, lumber, etc., on the free list; one to reduce to 35 per cent ad valorem the duties on all manufactures of iron and steel, and one to repeal the sugar bounties and abolish the duties on So well satisfied is Chairman Springer with the handiwork of his committee that he does not believe the next Congress can do better than to pass all his "popum" bil's prior to a general revision

No fear of a deficiency worries him, for he has discovered that the "overburdened people" will ingist on buying enough more foreign goods after the duties are reduced and domestic industries paralyzed to make up for any deficiency in the gress revenues from customs. Mr. Springer has been forced to the sad conclusion that none of his "popgun" bills will pass the Senate at this session, but he is determined that the Ways and Means Committee shall continue to report and the House to pass other bills of the same sort " in order to facilitate the work of tariff-reform legiplation in the next Congress."

THE ADMISSION OF NEW STATES.

The anxiety of the Democrats in Congress in gard to the bills for the admission of Arizona and New-Mexico is as natural as it is extreme. Speaker Crisp and other influential leaders in the House express the belief that both bills will pass the Senate at this session with the help of Republican votes. One of them recently said to a Tribune correspondent: "I have been informed on what I believe to be good authority, that seven Republican Senators have agreed to vote for the admission of both Arizona and New-Mexico at the coming session. That will give the Democrats tour more votes in the Senate and

aid from the Populists." The desire to avoid any entangling alliance with the Populists is quite as strong among Democratic Representatives, especially those from the Southern and Southwestern States, as it is among Democratic Senators who are more directly concerned. Probably this arises from a fear that the Populists may gain a number of seats in the House at the next election unless fimancial legislation shall take a course which will be satisfactory

SILVER BOUND TO MAKE TROUBLE.

The Democratic leaders in the House are almost se badly at odds on account of the coinage and curreney questions as they are in regard to the tariff. In a recent conversation with a Tribune ecrrespondent an influential Democratic Repre-sentative said: "We shall have several hard nuts to crack. I admit the truth of what you have said about our divisions on the tariff, but I have strong hopes that we shall be able to agree on something which will be fairly satisfactory to large majority of the party. Sugar probably will